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Re: City of Waukesha Application for WIFIA loan

Dear Ms. Jernberg:

As Wisconsin legislators representing water utility customers in Waukesha, Wisconsin, we are writing to urge your support of that city's application for a federal Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan.

We know that the families and businesses that rely on water from Waukesha need a new water supply. One reason is the requirement to comply with federal drinking water standards for radium, a contaminant that naturally occurs in the deep aquifer that is the city's main water supply. The other reason is that the deep aquifer is severely drawn down because of a geological feature that limits water from precipitation from recharging the aquifer.

We are unaware of any water supply project that has gotten the scrutiny that this one has, including 5½ years of review by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. In fact, all eight Great Lakes governors agreed with state and local officials that Waukesha does not have a reasonable alternative to switching to a Lake Michigan water supply.

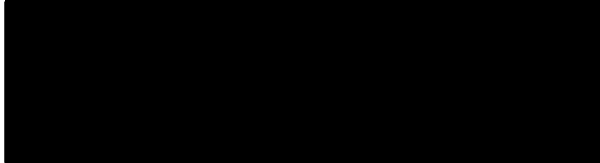
We have worked diligently at the state level to help reduce the financial burden of this needed project on the community. However, as one of the largest municipal infrastructure projects in state history water rates will inevitably be impacted. The families and businesses in Waukesha need the help that a federal WIFIA loan can provide to lower the burden on their pocketbooks.

Additionally, southeastern Wisconsin stands to benefit from the end of a large drawdown of a regional aquifer and from the economic impacts of construction.

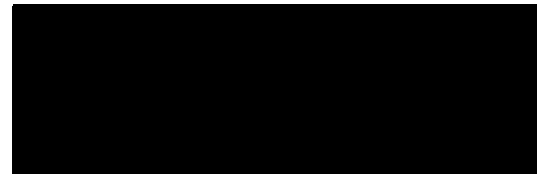
But the most important benefit is providing a reliable long-term source of drinking water for the largest community in our county.

We hope you see the importance of this project and that you approve Waukesha's application for federal financing assistance. Thank you for your consideration.

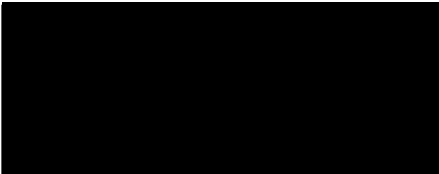
Sincerely,



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